

The Halyard

We can not control the wind but we can adjust the sails



A weekly newsletter for Virginia's Library Media Specialists
May 24, 2004

View from the Crow's Nest

I know, I know, it is supposed to be a weekly newsletter but...there have been several weeks since I last published a newsletter. I am sure you think that I have just been lying around twiddling my thumbs and quietly sailing across the smooth, quiet waters. NOT!!



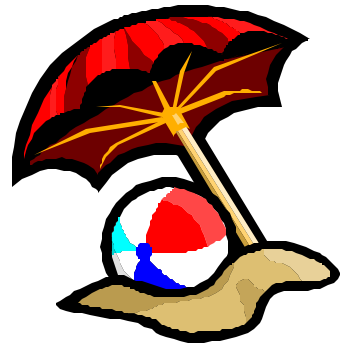
Like you, I have great intentions. I drive to work some mornings and I compose a honey-do list of things I hope to accomplish that day and it quickly gets soaking wet as I adjust the sails to match the change in wind direction. Sometimes, the wind changes direction so quickly that my desk gets swamped and things are pulled by the undertow so far away from my memory that when the tide recedes, I can't even remember what that note I wrote to myself even meant.

But, that is nature of life. It is not in the quiet waters that we learn. It is when the seas grow rough and we are forced to check our moorings that we truly can see what is the most important course to follow. Mine continues to be, to serve the school library media specialists of Virginia and keep the great contributions of our profession out where everyone can see them. I am so delighted to have opportunities to share your efforts, your success and yes, even your slightly less than successful voyages.

Thanks for sailing with me this year! It has been an exciting time for Virginia's school libraries. Remember to take some time, sail into a calm cove and reflect on your successes, make new plans for new cruises, plan your strategies for recruiting new crew members, identify what provisions you will need and join me again in August as we once again set sail towards the Bay of Academic Success! Have a great summer!

Summer Non-Beach Reading List

School Library Activities Monthly for June has a list of articles on school library media research for 2003. Dan Barron compiled this listing in which he notes that of the 208 articles he found in ERIC, only 5 were in publications outside of the library field. Wilson Web showed 689 articles but only 7 outside of the field. Shall we continue to sing in the choir? How about publishing an article where a non-librarian might read it?



Lost in Translation

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<http://translation2.paralink.com/>

World Lingo Online Translator

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Summer Surfing

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www.adobe.com/education/digkids

EduHound

www.EduHound.com

ALA School Library Campaign

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Simply Scrapbooks

<http://www.simplyscrapbooks.com>

NetCards for Learning

<http://hometown.aol.com/jham5325/netcards.html>

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November 18 – 20, 2004

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<http://www.vema.gen.va.us/confly04.html>

Have a great summer!

